



## CHAPTER 9 Sells to Sells sold off

Book H P. 502

George Sells

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 80 acres \$400

TO

**Elijah B. Sells**

East half of the section

**Sold Off.**

	E		
	1/2		

Illinois Marriages, 1790-1860 Illinois Marriages, 1790-1860

Name: Elijah Sells

Spouse: Isabel Watt

Date: 10 Mar 1835

County: Morgan

State: Illinois

Source: Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT

Microfilm: 1317641

Source Information:

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp. Illinois Marriages, 1790-1860 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: With some noted exceptions all marriage records in this collection can be found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, or available through Family History Centers throughout the United States. For specific source information listed by county see the extended description above or the see the source information listed for each entry.

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970

Name: Elijah Sells

SAR Membership: 12724

Father: William H Sells

Mother: Elizabeth Ebey Sells

Spouse: Isabel Watt Sells

Children: Elizabe Halt Selle

Source Citation: Volume 64; SAR Membership Number 12724.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

C 540  
 Quit Claim  
 to Hugh Scott  
 #4000  
 Peoria IL  
 18 July 1862

Elmer Sells Scott?  
 Hugh to  
 E.C. Scott  
 for said place

Quit Claim Deed  
 of E. Sells wife  
 to  
 Hugh Scott

Filed 10 July 1862  
 Subscribed  
 Recorded

Know all men by these presents that we George W. Sells  
 & Ann Sells his wife of Benton County State of Iowa in consideration of  
 the sum of four hundred dollars in hand paid to us by Hugh Scott and  
 Hugh Scott of Benton County State of Illinois all our right title and  
 interest in and to the following described premises, to wit the West half of  
 the North West quarter of Section No. Eight (8) in Township 16 North, Range  
 North of Range No. Twenty one West of the 5th P.M. containing eighty (80) acres  
 more or less situated in the County of Franklin in the State of Iowa  
 and we said Ann Sells hereby relinquishes all her right of dower in and  
 to the above described premises. Signed this 22nd day of April A.D. 1862  
 a witness of our said George W. Sells.

Sells  
 George  
 Ann  
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 92  
 w/2 of  
 NW 1/4  
 80  
 acres

State of Iowa  
 Benton County : On this twenty second day of April A.D. 1862 before me  
 John W. Carney a Notary Public in and for said County personally came  
 George W. Sells personally known to me to be the identical person  
 who came in before me the above deed as grantor and acknowledged  
 to said deed to be his voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and  
 seal this 22nd day of April A.D. 1862. John W. Carney Notary Public

I hereby give  
 Hugh Scott  
 80 acres

Filed 10 July 1862  
 Subscribed  
 Recorded

This Indenture made this twenty seventh day of June  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one  
 between Hugh Scott of the City of Peoria and State of Illinois party of the  
 first part and Eleanor C. Scott of La Platte County of Missouri and State  
 of Missouri party of the second part, Witnesseth that the said party of the first  
 part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and thirty  
 nine dollars and thirty seven cents in hand paid by the said party of  
 the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party  
 of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said  
 party of the second part forever released and discharged from all claims and  
 demands which she now or hereafter may have against the said party of the first  
 part in respect to the premises above described and conveyed by the said

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W 1/2 of  
NW 1/4  
Sec 8  
T 92  
R 21

parts of the second part and to her heirs and assigns forever, all of the following described premises, situated lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Iowa viz the West half of the North West quarter of Section Eight (8) Town Twenty two (22) North of Range twenty one (21) West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P. M. together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainders and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, to have and to hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns forever. And the said Hugh Scott for his heirs executors and administrators, doth covenant bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns, that at the time of the executing and delivery of these presents the said Hugh Scott is well seized of the premises above conveyed as of a good sure perfect absolute & indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law in fee simple and has good right full power and lawful authority to grant bargain sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid; and that the same are free from all taxes and other grants bargains sales liens judgments taxes assessments and incumbrances of what kind or nature soever and the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Hugh Scott (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of John Halested Carter & Halested  
 State of Illinois }  
 Marshals County } I, John Halested a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Hugh Scott personally known to me as the same person whose name subscribed to the annexed deed appeared before me this day in person & acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing of his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth given under my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of August 1881.  
 John Halested (Seal) J. of the Peace



1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Elijah Sills

Age in 1860: 46

Birth Year: abt 1814

Birthplace: Ohio

Home in 1860: Des Moines, Polk, Iowa

Gender: Male

Post Office: Des Moines

Value of real estate: View image

Household Members: Name Age

Elijah Sills 46

Isabella Sills 44

William Sills 24

David M Sills 18

George A Sills 16

Lewis B Sills 13

Lucy Belle Sills 7

Elijah Sills 2

Hannah Moore 20

Jane Moore 13

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: Des Moines, Polk, Iowa; Roll: M653\_338; Page: 142; Image: 142; Family History Library Film: 803338

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Elijah Sells

Birth Year: abt 1817

Age in 1870: 53

Birthplace: Ohio

Home in 1870: Palmyra, Douglas, Kansas

Race: White

Gender: Male

Value of real estate: View image

Post Office: Baldwin City

Household Members: Name Age

Elijah Sells 53

Isabella Sells 51

Butler Sells 21

Lucy Sells 17

Elijah Sells 11

William Wal 31

Ellen Nash 13

Liza Sells 22

Lucy Sells 3

Henry Woodcock 21

Minney Wilson 19

Jackson Csey 30

Nancy Clark 30

Charles Clark 11

Fanny Clark 9

Sherman Clark 5

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Palmyra, Douglas, Kansas; Roll: M593\_433; Page: 443B; Image: 438; Family History Library Film: 545932.



APRIL 14.—Assassination of President Lincoln, by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford's Theatre, at 10 o'clock P. M. Murderous attack upon Secretary Seward, by Payne.

APRIL 15.—President Lincoln dies, at 22 minutes past 7 o'clock A. M.  
—Andrew Johnson takes the oath of office as President.

APRIL 15.—Gov. Crawford appoints April 23d as a day of fasting and prayer, on account of the assassination of President Lincoln.

APRIL 18.—Terms of surrender by Johnston to Sherman.

APRIL 22.—Elijah Sells appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs, vice William G. Coffin, resigned.

MAY 4.—Burial of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

MAY 5.—E. C. K. Garvey and C. K. Holliday buy the Topeka Tribune of Andrew Stark.

—Gen. R. B. Mitchell appointed to command the District of Kansas.

MAY 10.—Capture of Jeff. Davis, at Irwinville, Georgia.

—A census taken in this month gives the State a population of 135,807.

MAY 12.—Andrew Stark, the Topeka Tribune, is sold to E. C. K. Garvey and C. K. Holliday.

April 22 Elijah Sells appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs

that a conference was held at LeRoy early in 1865, at which it was decided to sell part of their land. The Treaty of September 29, 1865 resulted. Since the treaty was made at Canville Trading Post in Neosho county, and effected all of Neosho county, it is here given in full:

"Articles of treaty and convention, made and concluded at Canville Trading Post, Osage Nation, within the boundary of the State of Kansas, on the 29th day of September, 1865 by and between D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Elijah Sells, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern Superintendency, commissioners on the part of the United States, and the Chiefs of the tribe of Great and Little Osage Indians, the said Chiefs being duly authorized to negotiate the treaty by said tribes.

"Article 1. The tribe of the Great and Little Osage Indians, having now more lands than are necessary for their occupation, and all payments from the Government to them under former treaties have ceased, leaving them greatly impoverished, and being desirous of improving their condition by disposing of their surplus lands, do hereby grant and sell to the United States the lands contained within the following boundaries, that is to say: Beginning at the southeast corner of their present reservation and running thence north with the eastern boundary thereof fifty miles to the northeast corner; thence west with the northern line thirty miles; thence south fifty miles, to the southern boundary of said reservation, thence east with said southern boundary to the place of beginning: PROVIDED, That the western boundary of said land herein ceded shall not extend further westward than upon a line commencing at a point on the southern boundary of said Osage country one mile east of the place where the Verdigris river crosses the southern boundary of the State of Kansas. And in consideration of the grant and sale to them of the above des-

1865 Elijah Sells Superintendent of Indian Affairs



*Ballot for Governor:* James M. Harvey 125, D. R. Anthony 45, Thos. A. Osborn 24.

*Ballot for Lieutenant Governor:* P. P. Elder 92, E. C. Niccolls 18, David Gordon 48, J. C. Carpenter 35. P. P. Elder's nomination made unanimous.

*Ballot for Associate Justice:* David J. Brewer 113, James Rogers 22, Mr. Beale 5, W. W. Nevison 13, David Brockway 6, Judge Safford 30.

*Ballot for Secretary of State:* W. H. Smallwood 139, Wm. M. Twine 24, Thos. Moonlight 13.

Alois Thoman was unanimously nominated for Auditor.

*Ballot for Treasurer:* Josiah E. Hayes 89, George Graham 48, John Francis 34.

*Ballot for Attorney General:* A. L. Williams 70, J. B. Johnson 55, H. W. Cook 9, J. L. Stillwell 12.

H. D. McCarty was unanimously nominated for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

*State Central Committee:* D. R. Anthony, John A. Martin, H. T. Beman, Elijah Sells, Jacob Stotler, S. A. Manlove, John W. Scott, B. J. F. Hanna, T. B. Murdock, H. W. Cook, J. R. Hallowell, W. D. Mathews, W. R. McLain, David Gordon.

John A. Martin reported the following platform:

"1. The Union Republican party of Kansas, in delegate convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to, and its faith in, the principles of universal liberty, justice and humanity, for which it has during ten years past zealously and successfully battled, and upon which it has now securely and forever established the foundations of the Government.

"2. It points with pride to a career of victory unsullied by a single act of national cowardice, wrong, or inhumanity. It has, during its administration of public affairs, crushed the most gigantic rebellion that ever assailed the Government, broken the shackles of a race long enslaved, and elevated them to the dignity and privileges of citizenship; enacted and put into operation a beneficent homestead law; originated and perfected a splendid system of highways across the continent; secured the recognition of the doctrine of expatriation; and in all things proved itself equal to the sacred trusts committed to its hands.

"3. The Republican party, with such a record, needs to make no flaunting promises of future fidelity to the great principles upon which its organization is based. But this convention of delegates, representing the Republicans of Kansas, takes occasion to express the conviction and purpose of the party: First, To maintain and defend the fruits of its victory in the field; namely, the unity of the republic, the abolition of slavery, the enfranchisement of the colored race, and equal rights for all. Second, To protect and preserve the fruits of its victory in legislation; namely, the homestead law in its whole letter and spirit, the law of expatriation, and a wholesome system of public improvements.

"4. In the future, as in the past, the Republican party will continue to advocate the measures which will promote economy, national honesty, domestic concord, and friendly relations with foreign powers—to the end that we may have a government of laws, and not of men.

"5. We cordially endorse the patriotic, honest, and economical administration of President Grant, and hail with satisfaction the rapid reduction of the national debt, which its faithful collection of public revenues and honest application of them brought about.

"6. In the struggle now going on in Europe our sympathies are heartily with the German people. Their triumph is a victory of liberal principles. We rejoice in the overthrow of the Napoleon dynasty, and earnestly pray that the war may result in the organization and permanent establishment of a republican form of government in France and other European nations.

- **Elijah B Sells Bio**

Elijah Sells was, during the early part of my professional life, one of the best known and foremost men of Iowa. He figured actively during his life in four different States, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Utah. He was born in 1814 in Franklin County, Ohio, near the present site of Columbus. His great-grandfather, John Sells, came from Holland in 1723. His grandfather, Ludwick Sells, and his sons purchased a tract of land on the Scotia River, which in the early history of that country was known as the "Sells' Settlement." The youngest of these sons was William Henry Sells, the father of Elijah. Elijah Sells sprang from Revolutionary and fighting stock. His maternal great-grandfather, George Ebey, was a Revolutionary soldier under General Anthony Wayne, and was killed at the battle of Stoney Point. His grandfather on the paternal side was killed at Yorktown, in the last battle of the Revolutionary War. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812, under General William Henry Harrison. In 1833 Elijah came to Scott County, Illinois, and engaged in the manufacture of stoneware. He there began his political career by canvassing and assisting to carry Scott County for the Harrison electors. He removed to Iowa Territory in 1841, stopping in Davenport for a year, and then removing to Muscatine, where he resumed his business of manufacturing stoneware. In 1844 he was elected to the convention which drafted the first Constitution of the State.(\*). The other members from his county were Ralph P. Lowe, afterwards Governor and Supreme Judge, and General John E. Fletcher. In 1846 he was elected to the first State Legislature and served two terms. He was again elected Representative in 1852, and in 1854 he declined the Whig nomination for Secretary of State, but at the first Republican Convention of 1856, he was nominated for that office and was elected, and served continually until January 5, 1863. The platform of the Muscatine County Republican Convention, drafted by Elijah Sells, was the first Republican platform ever drafted, and parts of its provisions were afterward embodied in the National platform. During a part of his incumbency as Secretary of State, he also served as Adjutant-General of the State. He declined the appointment of the first Collector of Internal Revenue, and soon thereafter received the appointment of Paymaster in the army with the rank of Major. He resigned this office and contested the gubernatorial nomination at Des Moines with William M. Stone, finally withdrawing against the advice of his friends in favor of his opponent. He then accepted an appointment as officer in the United States Navy, and was given the command of the receiving ship "Grampus" at Cincinnati. A year later he became Third Auditor of the Treasury Department, under Salmon P. Chase, from which position he was promoted to Auditor of the Treasury. Later, at the request of Secretary of the Interior Harlan, whose serviceable friend and faithful supporter he had always been, Colonel Sells became Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the southern superintendency, and did notable work in investigating cattle-stealing cases in Indian Territory, and in negotiating Indian treaties. He resigned his Federal position, but declined the offer of a Cabinet office tendered to secure his assistance in President Andrew Johnson's behalf in Iowa. He then went to Kansas and was elected for three successive terms to the State House of Representatives. At this period Colonel Sells came to Utah to manage mining interests at Alta, and from 1878 to 1894 was engaged in the lumber business in Salt Lake. He was appointed Secretary of Utah Territory by President Harrison in 1889, and by virtue of the law of Congress, was ex-officio Secretary of the Utah Commission and acting Governor during the Governor's absence. He was also Bank Examiner and Superintendent of Insurance. He held the office for four years.

As above indicated, he was throughout his career a man of supreme activities, and I may say, of supreme achievements. In the political field he was always a power, and one that had to be counted upon. He was probably the most alert and active leader of the Republican Party in Iowa during his time, his favor was courted and his opposition feared. He was the political manager of Senator Harlan when, after his resignation from President Johnson's cabinet, he became a candidate for United States Senator to fill the unexpired term which had been made vacant by his acceptance of the cabinet position, and also for the long or new term succeeding that one. His rival for both these positions was Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood. As a member of the State

Senate at that time, I supported Kirkwood. The contest was a spirited and protracted one. The activities of Mr. Sells in behalf of Mr. Harlan were everywhere present. The result was the election of Harlan for the long term and Kirkwood for the short one.

Mr. Sells lived to a great age. He died suddenly at Salt Lake, where he had lived highly honored and respected for nearly twenty years at the age of eighty-three. In his latter days he displayed the same vigorous forces that had characterized his earlier ones. He was on his feet and active in affairs to the day of his death. Like an untiring soldier, he marched heroically to the end. All of the Salt Lake papers, for copies of which I am indebted to his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Bovard, of Kansas City, profoundly expressed the high estimation in which he was held, and the general sorrow in his sudden demise. Regarding him, the Salt Lake Tribune says:

Had he known yesterday morning that he was going to die before the noonday, we believe that as he looked back over the more than four score years which he lived, he would have had fewer self-reproaches than almost any other man. He filled the place in the world of a great, honest, patriotic man; he filled a place in society as a true husband, father and citizen. His life was a model one, and he goes down to the grave with the fullest affection and respect of all his fellow men. He lived more than man's allotted time on earth. He filled many important stations, and all with honor, and from first to last no one ever doubted his sincerity, his perfect truthfulness or his absolute integrity. No man in this region has ever earned more nobly final, everlasting peace than did Colonel Sells. The full sympathies of this city and State will go out to his sorrowing family.

He left numerous descendants, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Among his children were W. H. Sells, of Salt Lake; Mrs. Lucy Bovard, of Kansas City; David M. Sells, of Denver, and E. W. Sells, of New York City.

(\*) This Constitution was rejected by the people because of the contraction by Congress of the western boundary, which was restored in the Constitution of 1846 on which the State was admitted."

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dowfam2&id=I004760>

Secretary of state Elijah Sells, Dec. 1, 1856 to Jan. 5, 1863

Adjutant General Elijah Sells 1857

Elijah Sells Board of Trustees The Iowa Institution for the Deaf and Dumb 1855

Asylum for the Blind, 1853 later renamed Institution for the Instruction of the Blind in 1855. Elijah Sells was one of a new Board of trustees member in 1864 and organized and made important changes.



Name Elijah B Sells  
Gender Male Birth 5 Feb 1814  
Dublin, Franklin, Ohio, USA

Marriage 10 Mar 1835 (Age: 21)  
Morgan, Illinois  
to Isabella Watt

1870 (Age: 56)  
Palmyra, Douglas, Kansas

Marriage Abt 1874 (Age: 60)  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA  
to Harriet Jacques Wetmore

Residence 1880 (Age: 66) Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States  
Death 13 Mar 1897 (Age: 83)  
Burial 16 May 1897  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA  
Mt Olivet Cemetary

### **Elijah B. Sells**

#### Parents:

William Henry Sells (1790-1872)  
Elizabeth Ebey (1791-1867)

#### Children:

Katherine Marilla Sells (1810-1845)  
Elijah B Sells (1814-1897)  
Elizabeth Sells (1816-1899)  
Lewis Sells (1817-)  
Francis Asbury Sells (1819-1888)  
John Sells (1820-)  
William McDonald Sells (1822-1895)  
Sarah Jane Sells (1824-1903)  
Sophia Ann Sells (1824-1896)  
Joseph Sells (1826-1826)  
George Washington Sells (1827-)  
Ludwick Sells (1829-1831)

#### Spouse & Children

Isabella Watt (1816-1889) Married 10 March 1835  
William Henry Sells (1836-1914)  
David Miles Sells (1842-1907)  
George Asbury Sells (1844-1896)  
Lewis Butler Sells (1847-1889)  
Lucy Isabelle Sells (1852-1933)  
Elijah Watt Sells (1858-1924)

#### Spouse & Children

Harriet Jacques Wetmore (1836-1916) Married About 1874  
Royal Sells (1875-1875)  
Beatrice Sells (1881-1964)

And life goes on for Isabelle after the divorce. She goes to Dubuque with two of their adult kids, Lucy and Elijah.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 21

Enumeration Dist. No. 176

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Dubuque, in the County of Dubuque, State of Iowa, enumerated by me on the 28th day of June, 1880.

Part of 4th Ward

Christopher L. Secor

Enumerator.

In City	Name of Person	Sex	Age	The Name of each Person whose place of birth, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family	Personal Description	Relationship of each person to the head of the family—whether with, with daughter, or with son, or with grandchild, or with other	Civil Condition	Occupation	Health	Education	Industry
1	40	40	40	Pyady Caroline	W	38		Housewife			
2				Pyady Agnes	W	32		Housewife			
3				Pyady John	M	28		Housewife			
4	41	41	41	Pyady John	M	28		Housewife			
5				Pyady John	M	24		Housewife			
6	42	42	42	Pyady John	M	20		Housewife			
7				Pyady John	M	18		Housewife			
8				Pyady John	M	16		Housewife			
9				Pyady John	M	14		Housewife			
10	43	43	43	Pyady John	M	12		Housewife			
11				Pyady John	M	10		Housewife			
12				Pyady John	M	8		Housewife			
13				Pyady John	M	6		Housewife			
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49				Pyady John	M	0		Housewife			
50				Pyady John	M	0		Housewife			

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 21, when the letter "D" is to be used.  
 Note E.—Question No. 13 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.  
 Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a lawful occupation has been reported in column 13.  
 Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Isabella goes back east – to Dubuque- after the divorce line 27.

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But it looks like our Isabelle has found a new husband.

Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002  
Name: W W Curl  
Marriage Date: 5 Apr 1887  
Marriage Location: Webb City, Jasper, Missouri  
Marriage County: Jasper  
Spouse Name: Isabel Sells

Source Information: Ancestry.com. Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007.  
Original data: Missouri Marriage Records. Jefferson City, MO, USA: Missouri State Archives. Microfilm.

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And Elijah's life goes on with a new wife and new life.

Utah Directory, 1890: Salt Lake City, Logan, and Provo Utah Directory, 1890: Salt Lake City,  
Logan, and Provo  
Name: G L Godfrey; R S Robertson; Alvin Saunders; J A McClernand; A B Williams; Elijah Sells  
Location 1: 137 S West Temple  
City: Salt Lake  
State: UT  
Occupation: chn; secretary  
Year: 1890  
Business Name: Utah Commission

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. Utah Directory, 1890: Salt Lake City, Logan, and Provo [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The  
Generations Network, Inc., 2000.Original data: Salt Lake City, UT, 1890. Salt Lake City, UT: R.L. Polk and Company,  
1890.The Excelsior Address Book and Family Directory of Salt Lake City, 1893. Salt Lake City, UT: Salt Lake Lithographing  
Co., 1893.Utah Gazetteer and Directory of Logan, Ogden, Provo and Salt Lake City, 1884. Salt Lake City, UT: Robert W.  
Sloan, 1884.Description:Directory of residents in Salt Lake City, Logan, and Provo, Utah in 1890.

And Elijah with his new wife. She's 17 years younger than he is. The census says he's a lumber  
dealer. From politician to lumber dealer.

1880 United States Federal Census  
Name: Elija B. Sells  
Home in 1880: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah  
Age: 60  
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1820  
Birthplace: New York  
Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head)  
Spouse's Name: Harriet W. Sells  
Father's birthplace: Massachusetts  
Mother's birthplace: Massachusetts  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Occupation: Lumber Dealer  
Marital Status: Married  
Race: White  
Gender: Male  
Household Members: Name Age  
Elija B. Sells 60  
Harriet W. Sells 43  
Orlando Halett 47

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Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880  
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Mrs. Harriet Wetmore Sells.

DAR ID Number: 14445

Born in New York.

Wife of Elijah Sells.

Descendant of Bela Wetmore, of Massachusetts.

Daughter of Bela Wetmore and Mehetabel Livermore, his wife.

Bela Wetmore, (1764-1839), enlisted at sixteen and served three years in the Massachusetts Line.

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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, enumerated by me on the First day of June, 1880.Eric Anderson

Enumerator.

In this column	Name of Head of Family	Relationship of each person to the head of the family—Wife, Son, Daughter, Servant, Boarder, or other.	Personal Description—Color, Sex, Age, Height, Weight, Eyes, Hair, Complexion, etc.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Birth—Date and Place.	Education—School, College, University, or other.	Native.	Place of Birth of the person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	9	9	Turner, Samuel	74	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
2			Sarah	38	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
3			Harriet	35	servant	servant	white	England	England	England
4	10	10	Smith, James	40	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
5			Martha	39	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
6			David	7	son		white	England	England	England
7			Archibald	6	son		white	England	England	England
8			John	4	son		white	England	England	England
9			Samuel	1	son		white	England	England	England
10	11	11	Scott, Catherine	50	servant	servant	white	Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
11			John	60	husband	farmer	white	Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
12			Christina	48	wife	keeping house	white	Mass.	Mass.	Mass.
13	12	12	Scott, George	47	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
14			John	67	son	keeping house	white	England	England	England
15			Samuel	38	son	farmer	white	England	England	England
16			Peter	33	son		white	England	England	England
17	13	13	Scott, Archibald	46	husband	farmer	white	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
18			Margaret	51	wife	keeping house	white	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
19			John	26	son	farmer	white	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
20			John	22	son		white	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
21			Archibald	22	son		white	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
22	14	14	Taylor, Charles	61	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
23			Mary	69	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
24	15	15	Harvey, Charles	40	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
25			Sarah	36	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
26			Anna	23	daughter		white	England	England	England
27			Sydney	60	son	servant	white	England	England	England
28	16	16	Harrison, John	30	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
29			Emma	3	daughter		white	England	England	England
30			John	13	son		white	England	England	England
31	17	17	Wade, Mary	35	mother		white	England	England	England
32			John	20	son	farmer	white	England	England	England
33			John	15	son		white	England	England	England
34			Charles	13	son		white	England	England	England
35			John	12	son		white	England	England	England
36			John	8	son		white	England	England	England
37			John	3	son		white	England	England	England
38	18	18	Stewart, John	44	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
39			Thomas	32	son		white	England	England	England
40			Stewart, John	13	son		white	England	England	England
41	19	19	Wade, John	24	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
42			Thomas	34	son		white	England	England	England
43			Mary	24	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
44			Albert	2	son		white	England	England	England
45			William	2	son		white	England	England	England
46	20	20	Taylor, David	36	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
47			John	31	wife	keeping house	white	England	England	England
48			John	22	son		white	England	England	England
49	21	21	John	67	husband	farmer	white	England	England	England
50			John	30	son		white	England	England	England

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.

NOTE E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

NOTE F.—Question No. 13 will only be asked in cases where a useful occupation has been reported in column 15.

NOTE G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Elijah and Harriet Line 11.

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Selgrath Charles, eng R G W Ry, rms 72 W 2d South.  
 Self Alfred J, brakeman U P Ry, bds rear 723 S 3d West.  
 Self John, grocer Aberdeen s w cor Gale, res same.  
 Self Rebecca (wid Anthony), res rear 723 S 3d West.  
 Seligman Isidore, trav agt B K Bloch & Co.  
 Seligman James L, draughtsman U S surveyor-general, res 315 4th.  
 Selix Samuel, tailor 108 E 2d South, res same.  
 Sell Miss Lizzie, bds 252 W 7th South.  
 Sellers James, lab R G W Ry, bds 846 E 2d South.  
 Sellers Miss Lizzie, dressmkr Walker Bros & Fyler Co, bds 846 E 2d South.  
 Sellers Robert, teamster Mason & Co, bds 141 N 4th West.  
 Selley John H, eng Com Mill & Bldg Co, bds 723 W 2d North.  
 Selley Joshua A, clk Wolstenholme & Morris, Lds 723 W 2d North.  
 Selley Wm, lab, res 723 W 2d North.  
 Selley Wm jr (Commercial Mill & Building Co), 710 W South Temple, res 857 W 1st North.  
**Sells Hon Elijah** (E Sells & Co), pres Mt Olivet Cemetery Assn, Sec of Utah Territory and Sec Utah Commission 137 S West Temple, res 1175 E 1st South.  
**Sells E & Co** (Elijah and H W Sells), Lumber Dealers 152 W 1st South. Tel 313.  
 Sells Harriet W (Sells & Co), res 1175 E 1st South.  
 Sells John, emp Grant Bros L & T Co, rms 40 S West Temple.  
 Sells Lime, Cement & Rock Co, Worden P Noble pres, Charles W Lyman sec shippers lime rock 13 Deseret Bank bldg. Tel 409.  
 Sells Louis H, clk, bds 4 Amos Ter.  
 Sells Wm H, deputy sheriff, res 4 Amos Ter.  
 Selser Wm, carp, bds 604 S Main.  
 Selway Delos, student, bds 44 W 1st South.  
 Selwyn Admiral, chemist 9 115 S Main, rms Walker House.  
 Semlund Oscar, carp, bds 212 E 5th South.  
 Senior Alan P, restaurant 55 W 2d South, rms same.  
 Senior Edwin W (Senior & Edmunds), land attorney 76 W 2d South, res Brighton.  
 Senior Eliza H (wid Edwin), res 523 W 1st North.  
 Senior Mrs S E, res 55 W 2d South.

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E. Sells & Co. And their home address.



1850 United States Federal Census

Name: Harriet E Wetmore

Age: 15

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1835

Birth Place: New York

Gender: Female

Home in 1850 (City,County,State): Vernon, Oneida, New York

Family Number: 135

Household Members: Name Age

Lemon Wetmore 59

Charity Wetmore 57

Adeline E Wetmore 31

Solomon S Wetmore 27

Clarissa E Wetmore 20

Harriet E Wetmore 15

Ruth Davis 83 Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: Vernon, Oneida, New York; Roll: M432\_562; Page: 82A; Image: 167.

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Harriet Wetmore

Age in 1860: 24

Birth Year: abt 1836

Birthplace: New York

Home in 1860: Vernon, Oneida, New York

Gender: Female

Post Office: Oneida Castle

Household Members: Name Age

Charity Wetmore 66

Adeline Wetmore 39

Clarissa Wetmore 30

Harriet Wetmore 24

Solomon Wetmore 36

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: Vernon, Oneida, New York; Roll: M653\_824; Page: 706; Image: 499; Family History Library Film: 803824.

1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Harriet W. Sells

Home in 1880: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

Age: 43

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1837

Birthplace: New York

Relation to Head of Household: Wife

Spouse's Name: Elija B. Sells

Father's birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's birthplace: Massachusetts

Neighbors: View others on page

Occupation: Keeping House

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Female

Household Members: Name Age

Elija B. Sells 60

Harriet W. Sells 43

Orlando Halett

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: Harriett Sells

Home in 1900: Salt Lake City Ward 5, Salt Lake, Utah  
[Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah]

Age: 63

Birth Date: Nov 1836

Birthplace: New York

Race: White

Gender: Female

Relationship to head-of-house: Head

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother: number of living children: 1

Mother: How many children: 2

Marriage year: 1873

Marital Status: Widowed

Years married: 27

Occupation: View on Image

Household Members: Name Age

Harriett Sells 63

Beatrice Sells 18

Catherine Hallett 70

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Harrette W Sella

[Harrette W Sells]

Age in 1910: 73

Estimated Birth Year: 1837

Birthplace: New York

Relation to Head of House: Head

[Self (Head)]

Father's Birth Place: Massachusetts

Mother's Birth Place: Massachusetts

Home in 1910: Salt Lake City Ward 5, Salt Lake, Utah

Marital Status: Widowed

Race: White

Gender: Female

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members: Name Age

Harrette W Sella 73

James Deitrick 6

Cathrine Hallett 80

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Salt Lake City Ward 5, Salt Lake, Utah; Roll: T624\_1607; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 0139; Image: 647; FHL Number: 1375620.

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 Elijah & Isabel Sells of Douglas, Kansas  
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 TO  
**Michael Mc Grath** of Franklin Co., IA  
 SW 1/4 \$300 July 30, 1872  
**Sold off**



## John McGrath

John McGrath, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Franklin county, owning and operating two hundred acres of well improved land on section 21, West Fork township, was born in Canada and is a son of **Michael and Mary (Hogan) McGrath**, natives of Ireland. The father came to America when he was twenty years of age and the mother at the age of thirteen and their marriage occurred in Canada, where Michael McGrath owned land. **They came to Franklin county in 1872 after having spent one and a half years in Vermont, and they settled on section 8 on what is now Marion township.** The father purchased eighty acres of wild land for three hundred dollars and operated and developed this property until his death, which occurred in 1876. His wife passed away in Ackley just before the family removed to the Franklin county farm. In this family were seven children, of whom five grew to maturity as follows: James, who owns two farms in West Fork township, but who makes his home in Mason City; Mrs. Catherine Roaner, a widow living with her daughter in Adrian, Minnesota; John, of this review; and Mrs. John T. Kenefick and Mrs. J. H. Ochs, both of whom have passed away.

John McGrath was twelve years of age when he began herding cattle on the Iowa prairies, and he later secured a position as a farm hand working for twenty-three years thereafter for A. M. Mott, a large landowner and prosperous farmer of Franklin county. Mr. McGrath managed Mr. Mott's farms for a number of years, resigning his position in 1903 in order to become an independent agriculturist. He bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, West Fork township and to this has since added until he owns two hundred acres. The land is in a high state of cultivation and is provided with excellent buildings and modern machinery.

Mr. McGrath is a member of the Catholic church. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors for three years and in matters of citizenship is helpful and progressive, cooperating heartily in measures for the general advancement and growth. He enjoys in full measure the friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact and a life of well directed activity has gained for him a high place in agricultural circles.

MARION, the youngest township in the county, was detached from Washington (Washington is Hampton) Township in 1874. The township has no early history, as there were no settlers to speak of within its borders until with in two or three years. Marion is all prairie except the small portion in the northeast corner covered by Tharp's Grove

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# RECORD OF DEEDS, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

## WARRANTY DEED.

Filed for Record the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A. D. 1872, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Elijah Wells wife

TO

Michael McGrath.

Henry Meyer.

Recorder, Franklin Co., Iowa.

By

Deputy



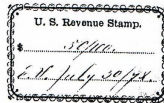
now all Men by these Presents, That I, Elijah Wells  
and Isabel Wells  
of Douglas county, State of Kansas in consideration of the  
sum of Three hundred Dollars  
in hand paid, do hereby sell and convey unto Michael McGrath

of Iowa county, and State of Iowa, the following described premises,  
situated in Douglas county, and State of Iowa, to-wit:  
the east half of the North West quarter of Section Eight (8)  
Township Sixty two (62) North of Range Twenty one (21)  
East of the 3<sup>d</sup> E. M. Iowa.

And I do hereby covenant to WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the said premises to the said  
Michael McGrath against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Signed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1872.

IN PRESENCE OF



Elijah Wells.

Isabel Wells.

STATE OF IOWA.

Douglas County, } ss.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1872,  
before me a Notary Public  
in and for said county, personally came Elijah Wells and  
Isabel Wells his wife.

personally to me known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to  
the above deed as grantor, and acknowledged the execution of the same to be their  
voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal.

(Seal)

C. D. Vincent

Notary Public.

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A little history of the day:

Following the Civil War, Iowa's population continued to grow dramatically, from 674,913 people in 1860 to 1,194,020 in 1870. Moreover, the ethnic composition of Iowa's population also changed substantially. Before the Civil War, Iowa had attracted some foreign-born settlers, but the number remained small. After the Civil War, the number of immigrants increased. In 1869, the state encouraged immigration by printing a ninety six page booklet entitled Iowa: The Home of Immigrants. The publication gave physical, social, educational, and political descriptions of Iowa. The legislature instructed that the booklet be published in English, German, Dutch, Swedish, and Danish.

Iowa's rich farmlands and prosperous cities succeeded in attracting more immigrants. Germans constituted the largest group, settling in every county, but especially along the Mississippi River. The great majority became farmers, but many also became craftsmen and shopkeepers. Dubuque and Davenport were their centers. Moreover, a few edited newspapers, taught school, or headed banks. The largest groups were Iowa Synod Lutherans, Missouri Synod Lutherans, and Roman Catholics, along with some Methodists and Baptists. Germans exhibited the greatest diversity in occupations, religion, and geographical settlement.

Iowa also attracted many other people from Europe, including Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Dutch, and many emigrants from the British Isles. After 1900, people also emigrated from southern and eastern Europe. In many instances, immigrant groups were identified with particular locations and even occupations. The Scandinavians, including Norwegians, who settled in Winneshiek and Story counties; Swedes, who settled in Boone County; and Danes, who settled in southwestern Iowa; were largely associated with farming. The Dutch made two major settlements in Iowa, the first in Marion County, and the second in northwest Iowa.

Many southern and eastern immigrants, particularly Italians and Croats, went into coal mines scattered throughout central and southern Iowa. Beginning around 1925, however, the Iowa coal industry began to decline. By the mid-1950s only a few underground mines remained in the state.

The majority of African Americans who migrated to Iowa during the late 19th and early 20th centuries also worked as coal miners. Before the Civil War, Iowa had only a small African American population, but in the 1880s that number increased considerably. The first large-scale hiring began when the Consolidation Coal Company brought in large numbers of African Americans as strike breakers in 1880.[9] In later decades, however, coal companies hired African Americans as regular miners

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## **President 18 Grant, Ulysses S. (1869-1877)**

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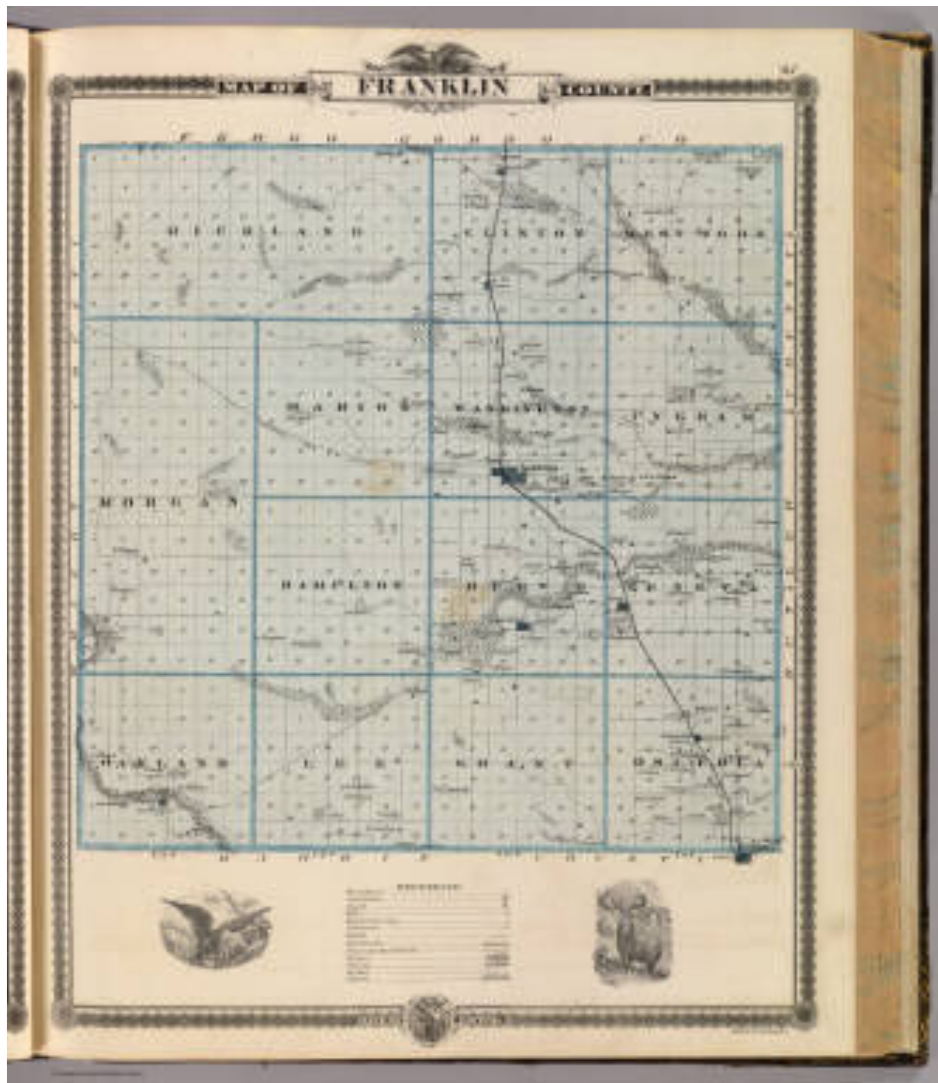
**The Railroad Act of 1862 put government support behind the transcontinental railroad and helped create the Union Pacific Railroad, which subsequently joined with the Central Pacific at Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869, and signaled the linking of the continent.**

**The second half of the nineteenth century was the era of railroad land grants. Between 1850 and 1872 extensive cessions of public lands were made to states and to railroad companies to promote railroad construction. Usually the companies received from the federal government, in twenty- or fifty-mile strips, alternate sections of public land for each mile of track that was built. Responsibility for surveying and mapping the grants fell to the U.S. General Land Office, now the Bureau of Land Management. Numerous maps of the United States and individual states and counties were made which clearly indicated the sections of the granted land and the railroad rights-of-way.**

**Land grant maps were frequently used by land speculators to advertise railroad lands for sale to the public. As early as 1868 most western railroads established profitable land departments and bureaus of immigration, with offices in Europe, to sell land and promote foreign settlement in the western United States. Consequently, the Library's collections also include some foreign-language maps aimed at both the immigration already on the East Coast and the prospective one in Europe.**

**Competition between speculators may have led to the idea of the distortion of railroad maps to emphasize one state, area, or line to the advantage of the advertiser. This idea,**

derived from the government land grant maps, may have been perpetuated by the mapping of the Illinois Central Railroad after it was granted land along its path in 1850. In John W. Amerman's book entitled *The Illinois Central Rail-Road Company Offers for Sale Over 2,000,000 Acres Selected Farming and Wood Land* (New York, 1856) appears an "Outline map of Illinois" which emphasizes the Illinois Central Railroad by a heavy black line, with stations placed evenly along the line to give the illusion of proximity of towns along the lines. This practice of manipulating scale, area, and paths of railroads became common practice in advertising maps of the 1870s and early 1880s and in railroad timetable maps.



1875 maps